

# *Caltrans Update*

## *Kings County Association of Governments*

### **CALTRANS MISSION:**

*Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability*



## **Call for Projects: Local Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 8**

On May 9, 2016, Caltrans Division of Local Assistance announced the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 8 Call for Projects. HSIP is a core federal-aid program for the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

The deadline to submit applications for this Call for Projects is Friday, August 12, 2016. The call size is approximately \$150 million of federal HSIP funds. The applicants must be cities, counties or tribal governments federally recognized within the State of California.

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*For program guidelines, application forms and other details regarding this Call for Projects, please visit our HSIP Cycle 9 web page at:*

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/apply\\_nowHSIP.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/HSIP/apply_nowHSIP.htm)

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## Caltrans Releases the 2nd Quarter 2016 Issue of *The Mile Marker: A Caltrans Performance Report*

Caltrans has released the 2nd Quarter 2016 issue of *The Mile Marker: A Caltrans Performance Report*.

Caltrans continues to improve its transparency and accountability and this issue of *The Mile Marker* offers clear indicators of our continuing transformation, our focus on a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.

Highlights of the June 2016 issue include:

- How Caltrans' new Asset Management has already directed \$250 million to key projects; what's new in two of the department's largest sources of funding; and how, through Value Analysis, Caltrans has saved billions of dollars since 2000 on hundreds of projects.
- How an innovative design in an iconic San Francisco parkway protects the environment; and how California motorists throughout the state may soon benefit from wireless technology to estimate their travel times.



To view the publication, please go to:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/milemarker/docs/2016/MileMarker\\_v3Iss1\\_060716\\_mobile.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/milemarker/docs/2016/MileMarker_v3Iss1_060716_mobile.pdf)

## Call for Projects: Active Transportation Program Cycle 3

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) and Assembly Bill 101 (Chapter 354, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking.



The ATP consolidates various transportation programs, including the federal Transportation Alternatives Program, state Bicycle Transportation Account, and federal and state Safe Routes to School programs into a single program to:

- Increase the proportion of biking and walking trips,
- Increase safety for non-motorized users,
- Increase mobility for non-motorized users,
- Advance the efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals,
- Enhance public health, including the reduction of childhood obesity through the use of projects eligible for Safe Routes to Schools Program funding,
- Ensure disadvantaged communities fully share in program benefits (25% of program), and
- Provide a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of active transportation users.

Program funding is segregated into three components and is distributed as follows:

- 50% to the state for a statewide competitive program,
- 10% to small urban and rural regions with populations of 200,000 or less for the small urban and rural area competitive program, and
- 40% to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in urban areas with populations greater than 200,000 for the large urbanized area competitive program.

*For program guidelines, application forms and other details regarding this Call for Projects, please visit our ATP Cycle 3 web page at:*

<http://www.catc.ca.gov/programs/ATP.htm>

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## Caltrans Director Leads Bicycle Tour Through Downtown Sacramento to Promote Active Transportation During Bike Month

To underscore Caltrans' support for active transportation, Director Malcolm Dougherty went on his annual bike ride through downtown Sacramento and West Sacramento.

"Caltrans is committed to continue fully integrating biking and walking into California's transportation system," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "We will continue our work to support and provide safe, well-designed bike and pedestrian paths that encourage people to get out of their cars and walk or ride their bicycle."

During the May 16, 2016 ride, Dougherty departed from Caltrans' Headquarters joined by Jim Brown, executive director of Sacramento Area Bike Advocates; Chris Dougherty, Transportation Program Specialist for the City of West Sacramento; and Sam Shelton, Project Manager for the Sacramento Regional Bike Share project from Sacramento Area Council of Governments. Along the ride, each highlighted examples of well-designed bicycle facilities and areas where new active transportation projects are being built.

Caltrans may traditionally be known for highways, but it is making significant moves to embrace and promote biking, walking and people-friendly streets. Among them is the drafting of the first-ever *California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*, which will guide Caltrans' efforts to include bicycle and pedestrian considerations in all department policies, programs and projects. The plan will lead to improved connections between the state's bicycle and pedestrians paths and the network of local and regional roads, public transit, and intercity and passenger rail. Caltrans also continues to significantly invest in nonmotorized transportation. In the past 20 years, Caltrans has directed more than \$1 billion in state and federal funds toward bicycle and pedestrian projects in California. The *Active Transportation Program (ATP)*, now in its second year, has \$720 million in bicycle and pedestrian projects programmed through fiscal year 2018-19. Over the next ten years, more than \$1.25 billion in additional ATP funds will be distributed for biking and walking projects in California.

Traditionally, Caltrans is a major sponsor of Bike Month events in Sacramento and its employees will also participated in Sacramento's Bike to Work Day on May 20 which coincides with National Bike to Work Day.

To view the draft [\*California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan\*](#), please go to:

[www.cabikepedplan.org/](http://www.cabikepedplan.org/).

Live tweets from the ride, including photos and updates on points and items of interest, are available on Caltrans social media:

[www.twitter.com/CaltransHQ](https://twitter.com/CaltransHQ)

## Director's Bike Ride Video Highlights Bicycling's Renewed Role

### *More Multimodal Options Drive Caltrans' Approach*

In a June 1, 2016 Caltrans News Flash, Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty takes us along on the annual Director's Bike Ride, where, along with his executive team and cycling stakeholders, he rides through downtown Sacramento and West Sacramento to highlight the advantages of and opportunities for bicycling-focused transportation planning.

This informative video is an opportunity to learn more about what Caltrans is doing to offer transportation choices that serve the public, satisfy public demand, and are sustainable.

This News Flash is the 81<sup>st</sup> in a series of videos highlighting Caltrans' activities that keep California's transportation system moving forward.

*To view the News Flash video, please go to:*

<https://youtube/Q7GarsTjPhg>

*Find more Caltrans News Flash videos via Twitter using:*  
[#CaltransNewsFlash](#)



## **More Than \$74 Million Awarded to 131 Projects Under Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund**

On June 1, 2016, Caltrans announced that 131 local projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving public transportation were issued \$74.6 million in funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program. This program is one of the strategies the state is employing to meet its ambitious goals to address climate change, and specifically prioritizes projects that will serve disadvantaged communities.

The program was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Approved projects will support new or expanded bus or rail services, or expanded intermodal transit facilities. They may also include equipment acquisition, fueling, and maintenance and other costs to operate these services or facilities, with each project reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

"These projects are not only going to show very real benefits to local communities, but will help build a more sustainable transportation system that will benefit all Californians," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "These projects are not only going to make public transportation more efficient and affordable to more Californians, but make it more climate friendly as well."

These projects are part of the California Climate Investments, which use proceeds from the state's cap-and-trade auctions to both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide a variety of additional benefits to California communities. Eighty-five of the 131 projects are targeted specifically to benefit disadvantaged communities. Of the \$74.6 million in funding allocated, \$70.4 million will benefit disadvantaged communities.

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program is one of several state programs which are funded through auction proceeds from the California Air Resources Board's Cap-and-Trade Program into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Funding from this program will go toward direct investments in transit programs that reduce GHG emissions and benefit disadvantaged communities throughout California. This program will have a continuous appropriation of 5 percent of total Cap-and-Trade funding.

Local projects that will benefit from these funding disbursements are on the table on the next page.

## More Than \$74 Million Awarded to 131 Projects Under Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Continued

Lead Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Disadvantaged Community within service area	Disadvantaged Community Benefit Description	Total Project Request
City of California	City Bus Stop Improvements	Improve transit stop by replacing existing damaged and vandalized bus shelters to improve passenger comfort and safety.	No	Not Applicable	\$13,243
City of Clovis	Bus Stop Amenities	Update approximately eight (8) bus stops in the City of Clovis to improve multi-modal connectivity.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged communities by making capital improvements that increase connectivity of alternative modes of transportation and increase passenger comfort and safety while encourage greater use of transit.	\$63,921
City of Clovis	Free Ride Days and Promotion	Promote 20 Free Fare Days, procure and distribute single use passes to promote a new regional farebox system. Both promotion are aimed at increasing transit ridership by reducing the cost of mass transportation.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by reducing or eliminating the cost of using transit which in turn encourages greater use of transit to increase mobility.	\$50,000
City of Corcoran	Amtrak Subsidy Program	Provide Amtrak tickets for transportation between the cities of Corcoran and Hanford.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged communities by reducing or eliminating the cost of using transit which in turn encourages greater use of transit to increase mobility.	\$22,241
City of Delano	Bus Shelters with Solar Lighting	This project will focus on replacing or adding shelters and/or benches with lighting to encourage ridership by increasing passenger comfort and safety.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by making capital improvements that increase passenger comfort and safety while encouraging greater use of transit.	\$52,781
City of Shafter	Shafter Saturday Dial-A-Ride Service	Operating assistance for Shafter Dial-A-Ride to operate Saturday service to improve access to public transportation.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by expanding transit service thus improving access to public transportation, increasing mobility and encouraging greater use of transit.	\$18,256
City of Tulare	Electronic Fareboxes for Enhanced Fare Integration	Implement an electronic farebox system that will provide seamless, accessible trips throughout Tulare County utilizing integrated fare media coordinated with other County transit systems.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by improving access to public transit by making connections between buses throughout the region more convenient and cost effective.	\$65,918

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Lead Agency	Project Name	Project Description	Disadvantaged Community within service area	Disadvantaged Community Benefit Description	Total Project Request
City of Visalia	Expansion of V-LINE Shuttle Service	Expand the V-LINE shuttle transit service operations to seven days a week and adding early and later runs.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by expanding transit service thus improving access to public transportation, increasing mobility and encouraging greater use of transit.	\$286,466
City of Wasco	Temporary Extra-Help Driver Project	Extend local City of Wasco transit service hours on weekdays and provide new service on Saturdays. The new service will improve access to shopping, employment and other public amenities.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by expanding transit service thus improving access to public transportation, increasing mobility and encouraging greater use of transit.	\$26,031
Fresno County Rural Transit Agency	Electric Transit Vehicles	Acquisition of four (4) Zenith Zero Emission Electric Vans for use in existing Demand Response service in rural unincorporated areas of Fresno County.	Yes	The project benefits Disadvantaged Communities by making capital improvement that increase service efficiency, reliability, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	\$208,734
Golden Empire Transit District	Purchase of three (3) Electric Buses	Purchase of three (3) electric buses for the doubling of transit service on Route 61 on weekdays, increasing frequencies from 60 minutes to 30 minutes. The new vehicles will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote increased ridership.	Yes	The project benefits Disadvantaged Communities by making capital improvement that increase service efficiency, reliability, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	\$535,221
Kern Regional Transit	Construct Mojave Transit Center	Construct a new Mojave Transit Center including Ingress / egress lanes, ADA accessible entry, erect covered shelters (benches, weather protection, solar lighting, bike racks), information and ticket kiosks including electronic departure information. Construct park and ride and install restrooms. Landscaping will be added for shade and to improve comfort, aesthetics and overall safer environment.	Yes	Requirement met with the transit agency's "Construct Lamont Transit Center" project.	\$112,269
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Kings County Area Public Transit Agency	Free or Reduced Fare Transit Passes/Vouchers	Working with educational institutions, low-income housing facilities, and other social service agencies to provide free transit days system wide. Free transit day will be scheduled during the first week of every month. This will allow individuals to travel to jobs, schools, medical facilities and shopping centers.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by reducing or eliminating the cost of using transit which in turn encourages greater use of transit to increase mobility.	\$10,000
Kings County Area Public Transit Agency	Renewable Energy	Install solar panels at transit maintenance facility and electric charging station to support electric buses to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by making capital improvements that increase service efficiency, reliability, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	\$120,415
Madera County Transportation Commission	Madera County Connection Bus Stop Shelters and Bike Lockers	Purchase and install bus stop shelters and bike lockers at bus stops within Madera County to improve connectivity and increase passenger comfort and safety.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by making capital improvements that increase service efficiency, reliability, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	\$63,492
Madera County Transportation Commission	Madera County Connection Bus Wi-Fi	Purchase and install Wi-Fi equipment and access service for all Madera County Connection Buses, improving the overall ridership experience.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by making capital improvements that increase passenger comfort to encourage greater use of transit.	\$20,335
Madera County Transportation Commission	New and Improved Bus Stops and Amenities	Purchase and install bus shelters and passenger amenities that will attract new transit riders by improving comfort and safety at bus stops.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by making capital improvements that increase passenger comfort to encourage greater use of transit.	\$67,160
Tulare County Area Transit	Fare Subsidy Program for New Riders	Implement a Fare Subsidy Program for new riders that will offer free and/or reduced fares to promote increased transit usage throughout Tulare County.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by reducing or eliminating the cost of using transit which in turn encourages greater use of transit to increase mobility.	\$147,474
Kern Regional Transit	Construct Lamont Transit Center	Construct a new Lamont Transit Center including saw tooth bus pull outs, ADA accessible entry, add covered shelters (benches, weather protection, solar lighting, bike racks). Install information kiosks and real time bus data display. Landscaping will be added for shade and to improve comfort, aesthetics and overall safer environment. All of these improvements will improve passenger comfort and safety.	Yes	Benefits Disadvantaged Communities by making capital improvements that increase connectivity of alternative modes of transportation, increase passenger comfort and safety while encourage greater use of transit.	\$161,241

## Update on Kings County Projects

**I-5 Cable Barrier:** Install high tension cable barrier on I-5 from PM 21.5 in Kings County to PM 2.25 in Fresno County and from the El Dorado Avenue overcrossing to the I-5/SR 198 separation. Funding: SHOPP. Start construction late summer. Scott Friesen, Project Manager, (559) 243-3436.

**Bush Street Replacement Planting:** Replacement planting on SR 41 in Kings County at the Bush Street interchange. Funding: Minor A. PS&E/RW; Ready to List early 2017. Scott Friesen, Project Manager, (559) 243-3436.

**Whitley Avenue Intersection Improvements:** Construct a roundabout near Corcoran on SR 43 from south and north of SR 137 and on SR 137 from SR 43 to east of SR 43. Funding: SHOPP. Project will advertise summer 2016. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

**SR 43 and Lacey Boulevard Intersection Mitigation:** Construct roundabout on SR 43 in Kings County from the SR 43/198 separation to the San Joaquin Valley Railroad Crossing. Funding: Local. Encroachment permit issued March 2016. Chris Gardner, Project Manager, (559) 243-3444.

**Latache Median Barrier:** Install a median barrier on SR 198 in and near Lemoore from 0.5 mile west to 1.16 mile east of 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Funding: SHOPP. In construction; complete construction summer 2016. Judy Aguilar-Luna, Project Manager, (559) 243-3457.

**19th Ave Landscaping:** Landscaping and plant establishment on SR 198 in the City of Lemoore at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Funding: STIP. Drought resistant plantings and water conservation has been incorporated into the design. Planting postponed due to drought. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Hanford Armona Bridge Deck Replacement:** On SR 198 near the City of Hanford. Replace the bridge deck on SR 198 at the Hanford-Armona Road undercrossing. Funding: SHOPP. In construction; complete construction late summer 2016. Scott Friesen, Project Manager, (559) 243-3436.

**12<sup>th</sup> Ave Replacement Planting:** On SR 198 in the City of Hanford. Replacement planting at the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue interchange; will follow the parent project "12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Interchange in Hanford". Funding: RIP. Working on plans and

Ready to List scheduled for summer of 2016; planting portion of project dependent on drought status. Project may be delayed due to a lack of RIP funds. Scott Friesen, Project Manager, (559) 243-3436.

**Kings 198 Redington Signal:** Install a signal and modify curb ramps on SR 198 in Hanford at the westbound off-ramp intersection to Redington/4<sup>th</sup> Street. Funding: SHOPP. PA&ED; Ready to List spring 2017. Victor Shaw, Project Manager, (559) 243-3441.

**Seismic Restoration-Var:** Seismic restoration on SRs 33, 41, 43, and 233/152 in Fresno, Kings, and Madera Counties at various locations. Funding: SHOPP Minor Program. Begin construction fall 2016. Jeannie Wiley, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

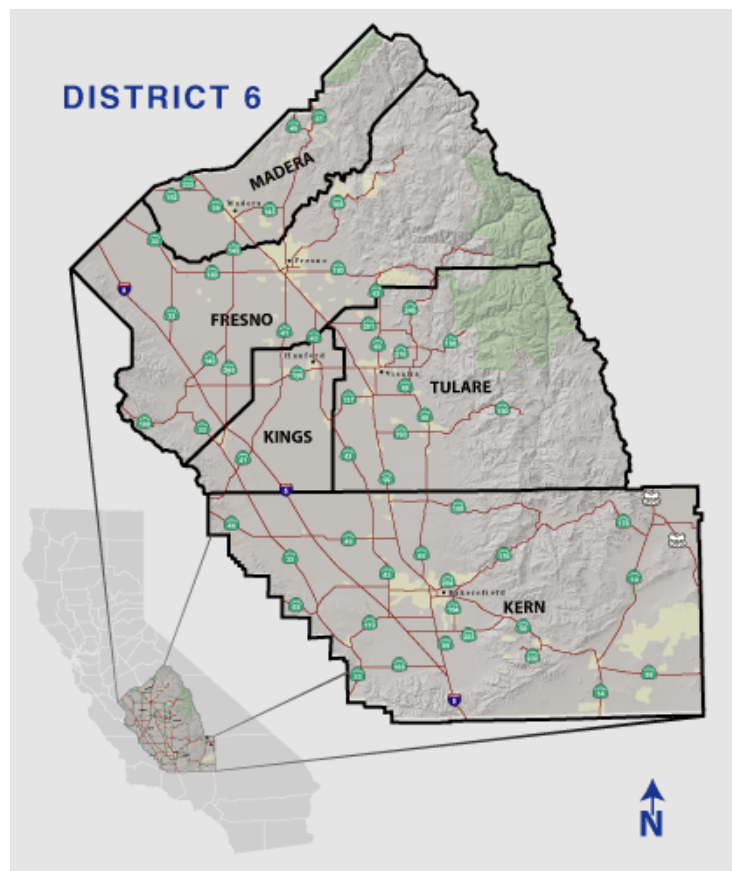
**Ker-Kin-Tul Drought Relief:** Repair irrigation systems and replace booster pumps at various locations in Kern Kings, and Tulare Counties. Funding: SHOPP. In construction. Victor Shaw, Project Manager, (559) 243-3441.



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*The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 6 is headquartered in Fresno. This geographically diverse district is the second largest of the 12 Districts statewide, stretching from the southernmost part of Yosemite National Park in the north to the Mojave Desert. It includes Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern counties. Interstate 5 and State Route 99 run the length of District 6, serving as the main north-south arteries for not just the Central Valley, but for the entire state as well.*



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